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It has been over 20 months since Applicants have filed an Appeal Brief for the above-identified applications, yet Applicants have not as of today, June 30, 2008, received a copy of any Examiner's Reply Brief or any other response and none has been posted on PAIR. Please advise, in writing, as to the current status of the mailing of the Examiner's response to Applicant's Appeal Brief filed September 28, 2006 for above-identified application. (This is in formal follow-up to telephone calls the undersigned has made to the Examiner and SPE over several months in this regard and to a previous status inquiry filed August 31, 2007, to no avail).

Given the substantial delay since Applicants' Appeal Brief was filed, a prompt reply to this Status Inquiry is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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